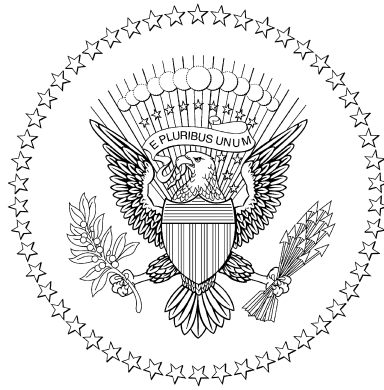


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Foreword

The six months between August 1992 and January 1993 should really be divided into two parts: The first part was the final stage of a long and difficult election campaign; the second saw both the orderly transfer of power to a new administration and several important economic and foreign policy developments.

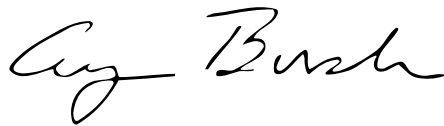
We showed promising signs of economic growth as the Gross Domestic Product grew 3.4% in the third quarter, and 4.8% in the fourth quarter of 1992.

On October 7, I met with Prime Minister Mulroney of Canada and President Salinas of Mexico in San Antonio to initial the North American Free Trade Agreement, which I later signed on December 17. This historic agreement proposes to link North America, its 350 million people and its 6 trillion dollar market into the largest free trading block in the world. Currently, 2.1 million Americans owe their jobs to trade with Canada and Mexico. This number would continue to increase dramatically with the passing of NAFTA.

On December 8, I ordered the deployment of U.S. troops to Somalia for Operation Restore Hope. This historic humanitarian effort helped to secure the distribution of food and supplies to desperate and starving Somali villages. Over the New Year holiday, I visited our troops in Somalia and saw the dramatic success of the Operation, as literally thousands of Somalis a day were saved from imminent starvation.

I traveled to Russia on January 2 to sign the START II weapons treaty with Russian President Boris Yeltsin. This treaty eliminates the world's most threatening land-based missiles. START II, together with START I, greatly enhances strategic stability and will result in an overall reduction of approximately 75 percent in nuclear forces.

Much was accomplished during the last six months of our Administration. I am proud to have passed on to the next Administration a recovering economy and a United States strong and respected around the world.



Preface

This book contains the papers and speeches of the 41st President of the United States that were issued by the Office of the Press Secretary during the period August 1, 1992–January 20, 1993. The material has been compiled and published by the Office of the Federal Register, National Archives and Records Administration.

The material is presented in chronological order, and the dates shown in the headings are the dates of the documents or events. In instances when the release date differs from the date of the document itself, that fact is shown in the textnote. Every effort has been made to ensure accuracy: Remarks are checked against a tape recording, and signed documents are checked against the original. Textnotes and cross references have been provided by the editors for purposes of identification or clarity. Speeches were delivered in Washington, DC, unless indicated. The times noted are local times. All materials that are printed full-text in the book have been indexed in the subject and name indexes, and listed in the document categories list.

The Public Papers of the Presidents series was begun in 1957 in response to a recommendation of the National Historical Publications Commission. An extensive compilation of messages and papers of the Presidents covering the period 1789 to 1897 was assembled by James D. Richardson and published under congressional authority between 1896 and 1899. Since then, various private compilations have been issued, but there was no uniform publication comparable to the Congressional Record or the United States Supreme Court Reports. Many Presidential papers could be found only in the form of mimeographed White House releases or as reported in the press. The Commission therefore recommended the establishment of an official series in which Presidential writings, addresses, and remarks of a public nature could be made available.

The Commission's recommendation was incorporated in regulations of the Administrative Committee of the Federal Register, issued under section 6 of the Federal Register Act (44 U.S.C. 1506), which may be found in title 1, part 10, of the Code of Federal Regulations.

A companion publication to the Public Papers series, the Weekly Compilation of Presidential Documents, was begun in 1965 to provide a broader range of Presidential materials on a more timely basis to meet the needs of the contemporary reader. Beginning with the administration of Jimmy Carter, the Public Papers series expanded its coverage to include all material as printed in the Weekly Compilation. That coverage provides a listing of the President's daily schedule and meetings, when announced, and other items of general interest issued by the Office of the Press Secretary. Also included are lists of the President's nominations submitted to the Senate, materials released by the Office of the Press Secretary that are not printed full-text in the book, acts approved by the President, and proclamations and Executive orders. This information appears in the appendixes at the end of the book.

Volumes covering the administrations of Presidents Hoover, Truman, Eisenhower, Kennedy, Johnson, Nixon, Ford, Carter, and Reagan are also available.

The Public Papers of the Presidents publication program is under the direction of Gwen H. Estep. The Chief Editor of this book was Karen Howard Ashlin.

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